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BE WARNED; STOP GIVING HEED TO DOCTRINES OF DEMONS

Text: Those Angels Which Kept Not Their First Estate.—Jud. 6.

(By RICHARD J. HILL.)

The Bible's teaching that the earth's atmosphere is infested with evil spirits is now generally disbelieved as a result of this disbelief thousands of well meaning people are being more or less easily entrapped by these evil spirits. The blight is both physical and moral; the usual method of procedure by these spirits is to arouse curiosity, when the quest for knowledge proceeds, and influence much like that of hypnotism affects the investigator, impelling him forward to further investigation. Sometimes the curiosity is attracted through the outer senses at spiritualistic meetings with Ouija Boards, etc.

At other times it is by Spirits rappings. Again, it may be whisperings in the ear audible to others. At other times the messages come through trance Mediums but in every instance these communications purport to come from dead Human beings.

This of its self gives to the communication a special charm to many. They feel honored in being sought by the dead and in being able to communicate with them, they are curious for information respecting the hereafter. Not infrequently do these spirits personate the Heavenly Father and Christ and urge more prayer and accuse sin and recommend the reading of the Scripture. This appears to be with a view to gaining the confidence of the will.

But later on dishonorable suggestions are made. The Bible is scorned, prayer is laughed at. If, then, the subject takes fright and seeks to break the hypnotic chains, the evil spirits laugh at him, swear at him, and some times tell him that they will shortly have him fully in their power to roast him forever. If he attempts to pray they intrude and interrupt and tell him that God will not hear him now, that he has gone too far, etc. With some, the matter goes so far that the human will is broken down completely and the spirit obsess them and use their bodies foolishly—sometimes viciously, sometimes insanely, until finally they are pronounced dangerous and committed to an asylum. We do not claim that all of the insane are obsessed of evil spirits, but so far as we can judge, nearly one half the inmates of asylums are obsessed by demons who live in them while they are mastering their wills.

God, through his word has forewarned his people against these delusions. In permitting his people to fall into these traps He, God, is merely teaching them a great lesson. The terrible results of disobedience, of neglect of God's word. The Divine arrangement is that ultimately the entire human family shall be released from the bonds of sin and death, ignorance and superstition and all have full opportunity for coming into full harmony with God. The present lesson will illustrate to man the necessity for searching the Scripture and obeying God's voice therein.

St. Paul, in describing this very day in which we now live declares one of its prominent signs to be that many will give heed to these seducing spirits, whose teachings and practices lead away from God. St. Paul intimates also that by these misleading spirits many will come to hold doctrines of demons, or Devilish doctrines. It is a sad commentary upon our wonderful day of enlightenment that the most enlightened people should hold to and believe in the most awful doctrine respecting the hereafter. It certainly is a doctrine of demons which teaches that nine hundred and ninety-nine out of every thousand of humanity are to be eternally tortured either because of Divine incompetence to make better arrangements for them, or because God willed and fore-ordained it so before creation. This doctrine of demons has enslaved many honorable people who would themselves scorn to be accredited of making such a plan of the ages as these attribute to God.

But we thank God, that the time is not far distant when these seducing spirits will be completely bound, restrained, and deceive humanity no more. But the deception has so long prevailed that poor humanity is thoroughly under its control. The falsehood leading up to all this error is Satan's first old lie to our parents in the Garden of Eden. There, contradicting the words of God, he said, "Ye shall not, surely die." Ever since, for six thousand years, he has worked along this line and all the fallen angels have been working with him. His message is "Ye shall not surely die." You do not surely die. When men seem to die, they become more alive than before they die. On account of these errors that dead men are alive, Satan and the fallen Angels, contrary to the teachings of the Bible, have instilled into the people of the whole world non-sensical and heathen superstitions respecting Heaven, Purgatory and Hell.

Catholics pray for those who go to Purgatory to help them out. Protestants do not so pray, believing that the saintly few go direct to Heaven and that all the unsaintly go directly to eternal torture. If this great lie (Ye shall not surely die) where-with Satan first seduced Mother Eve and murdered our Race could be fully eliminated from the minds of the people and from the religious creeds it would mean a religious revolution for both Catholics and Protestants—men would turn to the Bible and away from the domination and seduction of these lying spirits and the fallen Angels who are now busy personating humanity.

So far as we can learn from those who have once been spirit Mediums the trend of the spiritism is toward unchastity, and impurity. And this agrees with the scriptural declaration relative to the sin through which these fallen Angels first became reprobates. Saint Jude: 6, and Saint Peter: (2 Peter 2: 4) tell us briefly of the fall of the Angels—that they left their own habitations and kept not their first estate. Both Apostles mention the circumstances in connection with human lasciviousness. This story of the fall of the Angels is given to us briefly in Gen. 6: 1-4. After Man's fall into sin God permitted the Holy Angels to have communication with humanity. As because human eyes can not see spirit beings, God permitted the Angels to materialize, that is to take on human form. For instance, we note the case of the Angels who visited Abraham on the plains of Mamre and for whom he prepared a veal dinner. We read that, materialized the Angels were like men while they ate and talked with him. It was subsequently that Abraham learned that they were really Heavenly visitants so it was with all the Angels before the flood. They were permitted to materialize and to appear in every sense of the word as men. The records show that the Angels became lustful. We read, "The sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair and took unto themselves wives of such as they chose." The Angels, with superior powers and superior knowledge to man, acted as the masters of men, who were practically obliged to do their bidding. The result is stated in few words. The children of the union of inferior humanity with the superior angelic beings produced a race as we are told, who were giants as compared with the ordinary members of our Race. And not only were they giants physically, but also intellectually—"They were men of renown." Poor humanity could not compete with this race. The result was that strife and contention and lustful, and sinful practices abounded in all the earth, until God declared that every imagination of the thoughts of man's heart was only evil continually. God had foreknown all of this and a canopy of waters, which then surrounded the earth similar to Saturn's rings now, was held in readiness to cause a flood, that sinful men and the human offspring of these lustful Angels might be destroyed. Only Noah and his family were found worthy of preservation to be the new start of humanity this side of the flood. The declaration of the scripture respecting Noah's family is, "Now Noah was perfect in his generation," he was properly generated or born and so was his children. There was no strain or admixture of Angelic stock in that family. The plain inference of the scripture is that the remainder of humanity was so degraded by the seduction of those fallen Angels that they were not fit to live. The entire race had become corrupt. (Sorry to say the present race and generation of mankind are fast approaching the same condition morally that pertained just before the flood of Noah's day).

Of course the fallen Angels were not destroyed in the flood for they not only had power to materialize, that is the ability to change to human form, but also they had the power to dematerialize, that is to change from human body and form back to spirit being. It was at that time however, that all of the fallen Angels were put under restraint—that is not permitted again to materialize and they were to remain in this condition of restraint until the Judgement of the Great Day. Their restraints or chains are not physical to confine them to a place in Tartarus—the earth's atmosphere. They may roam at will anywhere but are chained or restrained from materializing. The intimation of the scripture seems to be that, with the ending of the Gospel age, just prior to the inauguration of the new dispensation, these evil spirits may be allowed to break their chains and manifest themselves as men, in connection with the great time of trouble incidental to the change of dispensation. (That time is right now). Separated from God and the Holy Angels and unable to assume human bodies these sinful Angels have probably had terrible experiences during the past forty-four hundred years. It is well understood by the

thoughtful that true happiness is not to be expected amongst those alienated from God. Anger, malice, hatred, strife, works of the Devil the Apostle says are not compatible with the love, joy and peace which belongs alone to a condition of holiness. Under such circumstances we cannot wonder that the fallen angels would seek association with humanity, and they being under the control of Satan as a chief or prince of Devils have followed his course and propagated his original lie, "Ye shall not surely die." They have conjured the minds of men to believing in the hell of the heathens, the hell and purgatory of the Catholics and worse of all the eternal and never ending torture taught by Protestants. These doctrines of demons have increased the gulf between God and humanity and have made the Bible a message of God's love, a book of terrors—not to be feared, but merely to be endured or kept as a fetish to secure possibly a cooler place in Purgatory. We may safely say that all the false doctrines of the creeds of the various denominations of Christendom and of the dark ages are doctrines of demons, our minds have become debilitated our hymn-books, our creeds, in fact everything and the greatest agents or exponents of these doctrines of demons and the clergy whether intelligently or ignorantly. The world has a right to believe what the clergy says since they pose as God's representatives and mouth-pieces here on earth but the ninety-nine out of every one-hundred of the clergy and the great and wise of today are, the cause of selfishness and pride of heart under the influence, in one form or another, of the fallen Angels. I make this criticism of the clergy and the most prominent of today not in the sense of a know-all or in hatred for those criticised but in the sense of one who loves and heartily desires that the poor blinded world have timely warning against this great flood of evil spirits which through cunning devices are deceiving the poor people to their great injury. We thank God that the light of the new dispensation is now bringing to us the beginning of blessings—release from some of our darkness. The seeing of the true wage of sin—that it is death and not eternal torment—is one of the most important features connected with our enlightenment. When we learn that the dead are really dead and, as the Bible declares, will not know anything until the resurrection, then we begin to see the beauty of God's plan. The needs of Christ's death, the need of His second coming, the need of His Kingdom, the need of a resurrection, the need of an opportunity for all mankind to come to a clear knowledge of the great truth of redemption through Christ's blood, and the opportunity then by God's grace of obtaining eternal life.

Our great Redeemer manifested his power by casting out demons from those who have become obsessed. And we read further where he commissioned his Apostles to heal all manner of diseases and to cast out unclean spirits. We are told that they did this in numerous instances. An illustration is given us of one man who was obsessed by a legion of these spirits. No wonder the poor fellow was crazy but after they were cast out he was clothed and in his right mind and became a disciple—Luke: 8: 26-30. St. Paul and Silas had an experience with an obsessed young woman who practiced soothsaying, fortune telling, like many are doing today, by the power of the evil spirits which obsessed her. As the evil spirits recognized Jesus and cried, "We know Thee who thou art Jesus." So this spirit knew the Apostles and through the young woman's lips cried after them "these be the Servants of the most high God which show to us the way to obtain eternal life. Act. 16: 18" Neither Jesus or the Apostles were willing

to accept testimonies from persons under the influence of these evil spirits but would command the evil spirits to come out of their victim. So it should be with the earnest Christian and sober-minded people of today, they should keep away from the influence of everything and everybody who appear to be under the influence of these fallen Angels, fortune telling, Devine healing, hypnotism, Christian Science and any and all these phenomena which are not easily explained. Many of the wise of the world have become victims of spiritism because they dared to use human wisdom and have attempted to investigate the claims of spiritism but such is foolishness on the part of anyone. An attempt to investigate the phenomena of spiritism is just what the fallen Angels want for there is no human being wise enough to cope with these wicked Angels who are old with age and can read the thoughts of men.

The scripture indicates that there will be a wonderful activity amongst the fallen Angels at the close of this Gospel age. The Master declared that the deception would be such that, if it were possible the very elects would be deceived. But that will not be possible because divine providence stands engaged to protect the elect. The 91 Psalms which gives a picture of the closing of this age and its sundry trials and tests, declares that God will give his messengers a charge concerning the Feet-members of the body of Christ in all their ways—lest a foot should be dashed against a stone of stumbling. Psalms; 91: 12.

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As Satan and the fallen Angels operate largely through the children of disobedience, so God and his Holy Messengers use not only the scriptures but also God's children of obedience as his mouth-pieces, as helpers, and as God's Ambassadors in building one and others up in the most Holy Faith. Hence, the time when a thousand shall fall at thy side and ten thousand at thy right hand, will be also the time when these ensnaring and deceptive errors will not come nigh the members and true followers of the Body of Christ. If our understanding of the scriptures be correct we need not be surprised if the fallen Angels may again seemingly gain a victory over the Divine restraints and materialize that is, take on the form of the human body in broad day light—personating not only the dead but also at times personating the living. The Spiritualist and Mediums are already claiming such things and are beginning to take place on a grand scale. Should it come (and it is most certain to come, that is, the fallen Angels be permitted to take on human form) it will inaugurate a terrible time of trouble such as has not been since the flood. God's people while resting confidently and at ease under divine supervision, should be on the alert to resist everything akin to spiritism, occultism, hypnotism, and to warn their friends respecting these things. Numerous scientific men are being entrapped by these lying spirits whose doings and powers they are unwittingly investigating under the name of Psychophenomena, we thank God that we are nearing the time when Satan shall be bound and when every evil influence shall be restrained. Not only will there be a full cleansing from a physical obsession, but there will also be a still greater cleansing and freeing from the doctrines of demons.

(TO BE CONTINUED)

Grand Master, Col. E. D. Jefferson of Muskogee arrived last Monday at 1:00 P. M. and that evening presided at initiation of a large class of novitiates at Flower of Tulsa Lodge of Odd Fellows. The Colonel also visited the Tulsa Star office, where he is always welcome.

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